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1. Late in June 1950, Herr Drescher was abducted while on his way from his home to his place of work. Drescher worked at the Oberspreewerk and was said to have developed a high-performance clystron. \* and \*\*

\* ~~Comment.~~

Belling worked on the development of a high-performance clystron. Work on this device was stopped after Dr. Belling left for Western Germany in 1947. About two months ago, work on the high-performance clystron had been resumed.

\*\* ~~Comment.~~ Drescher was head of the designing office and the experimental workshop of the AEG-Oberspreewerk. This section, which was separated from the manufacturing plant proper, was put under Dr. Straehler and remained under the control of the Ministry of Electrical Industries in Moscow.

The last changes in personnel were reported Drescher and (Miss) Dr. Heitzmann worked primarily in the field of tube research for the centimeter range. Dr. Oertel and Dr. Heitzmann are the most important authorities in the field of magnetron and clystron tubes and have been reported on. It is safe to assume that the persons mentioned in this report were "compulsorily transferred" to one of the well-known high-frequency research teams near Moscow or to Leningrad. A German News Service report follows: "did. Berlin, 19 July 1950. Herr Drescher, a specialist in the field of radar equipment, who was awarded the "National Prize" of the Soviet Union, disappeared on his way from his home, located in the Eastern Sector, to his place of work at the Kabelwerk Oberspree (Cable Works Oberspree). On the same day, his assistant, Miss Dr. Heitzmann, was kidnapped while on her way home from the Heinrich Hertz Institute in Adlershof, in an automobile occupied by members of the People's Police and persons wearing Soviet uniforms."

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